

**The Acute Contagious Diseases of Childhood.** By Marcus P. Hatfield, A.M., M.D., Professor Emeritus of Diseases of Children, Northwestern University Medical School; Professor of Diseases of Children, Chicago Clinical School; Attending Physician, Wesley Hospital. 142 pages. Price, \$1.00 nett. G. P. Engelhard & Co., 358-362 Dearborn Street, Chicago, 1901.

This small volume gives a clear, short, yet comprehensive description of all the acute diseases of childhood—diseases many of which have such a serious influence on after-life. No one can read it without feeling that his perusal has impressed upon him many special points which would have escaped him in a larger volume, and these points are of great practical importance.

F. W. C.

**Transactions of the American Pediatric Society—Twelfth Session, held at Washington, D.C., May 1, 2 and 3, 1900.** Edited by Walter Lester Carr, M.D. Reprinted from *The Archives of Pediatrics*, 1900.

Those interested in diseases of infants and young children (and who in our profession is not?) will find in this volume a great deal of food for serious thought. The address of the President, on "The Ambulatory and Hospital Management of Gastro-intestinal Derangement of Infancy in the Summer Months Among the Poor of Large Cities" is a thoughtfully prepared paper on a subject which appeals with peculiar force to those of us who practice in large and crowded cities where, during the heated term, the slaughter of innocents is simply awful. A valuable paper, from a clinical standpoint, is that by Dr. Huber, of New York, on "Naso-pharyngeal Diseases in Children." Dr. Blackader, of Montreal, contributes an interesting paper on "Enteric Fever in Childhood."

F. W. C.

**A Text-book of Practical Obstetrics.** By Egbert H. Grandin, M.D., Gynæcologist to the Columbus Hospital, etc., etc., with the collaboration of George W. Jarman, M.D., late Obstetric Surgeon of the New York Maternity Hospital, etc., etc. Third edition revised and enlarged. Published by F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, 1900.

It is no wonder that the authors in their preface express gratification at the demand existing for their works requiring a new edition in such a short time. No written criticism can possibly equal a buying demand from students and practitioners. The work has been improved in several ways, and increased by a chapter on the anatomy of the female organs of generation and with embryology. The greatest fault that can be taken to the work is perhaps the advice given with regard to the delivery of the head in normal cases, more particularly the introduction of the finger into the rectum,